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SUBJECT: KING HUSSEIN'S VISIT TO US

REF: STATE 042854

1. FOLLOWING PROVIDED BY CHIEF OF ROYAL PROTOCOL YANAL
HIKMAT IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS ASKED IN REFTEL.

2. KING AND QUEEN DO NOT EAT SNAILS OR SHELLFISH
(E G OYSTERS CRABS)

3. KING AND QUEEN BOTH ENJOY DANCING. (THEY
DANCED AT WHITE HOUSE DINNER GIVEN BY PRESIDENT
FORD IN AUGUST 1974.) HOWEVER PRIME MINISTER
RIFAI, RECALLING THE PHOTOS OF PRESIDENT SADAT
DANCING AT WHITE HOUSE DINNER, HAS MANIFESTED
TO AMBASSADOR SOME CONCERN THAT NO PHOTOGRAPHS OF
KING (OR QUEEN) DANCING APPEAR IN THE PRESS. WE
SUGGEST THEREFORE THAT ONLY OFFICIAL WHITE HOUSE PHOTOGRAPHER
COVER THE DANCING AND THERE BE NO RELEASE OF PHOTOS
WITHOUT COORDINATION WITH GOJ. QUEEN ALIA WOULD LIKE TO KNOW
TYPE OF DRESS FOR STATE DINNER AND WHETHER IT IS
APPROPRIATE FOR QUEEN (AND PRINCESSES) TO WEAR TIARAS
AND MEN TO WEAR MEDALS.

4. REGARDING SPECIAL INTERESTS, QUEEN ALIA HAS
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A. SHE WOULD LIKE TO VISIT A PHYSICAL REHABILITATION

CENTER HANDLING ALL TYPES OF CASES FOR ALL AGES OF PATIENTS.
THIS IS A SPECIAL INTEREST OF THE QUEENS
SHE RECEIVED A PERSONAL GIFT FROM EMPRESS FARAH LAST
YEAR TO FINANCE A PHYSICAL REHABILITATION CENTER TO BE
ESTABLISHED AT THE KING HUSSEIN MEDICAL CENTER IN
AMMAN, WHICH WILL SERVICE ALL OF JORDAN.

B. REGARDING HER SAN FRANCISCO PROGRAM, WHILE
KING HUSSEIN HAVING MEDICAL CHECK-UP QUEEN AND PRINCESS ALIA WANT
TO SPEND A WHOLE DAY AT SANTA CLARA UNIV (WHICH
SHE VISITED DURING AUGUST 1974 VISIT) SHE WOULD
ALSO LIKE TO VISIT SAN FRANCISCO UNIVERSITY. SHE
HAS NO PARTICULAR THERE BUT WOULD LIKE
GENERAL TOUR AND TO INVESTIGATE POSSIBLE SCHOLARSHIPS
AND EXCHANGE PROGRAMS WITH THE UNIVERSITY.

C) WE WOULD ALSO LIKE CLARIFICATION ON WHICH
OF KING HUSSEIN'S EVENTS WILL INCLUDE QUEEN ALIA
(INCLUDING MARCH 30 OFFICIAL CEREMONY ON WHITE
HOUSE LAWN) AS WELL AS OTHER EVENTS SCHEDULED
FOR QUEEN.

5. PALACE HAS NOT INDICATED ANY FURTHER INFO ON
INTEREST OF KING HUSSEIN OR ON PRINCESS BASMAH
(KING'S SISTER NOT HIS DAUGHTER AS DESCRIBED IN PARA
4 REFTL) OR PRINCESS ALIA (KING'S DAUGHTER)
HOWEVER WE BELIEVE AMBASSADOR SALAH AND JACK
O'CONNELL WILL COMMUNICATE ANY SUCH INFORMATION
TO DEPARTMENT AS IT DEVELOPES.

6. UPDATE BIO INFO ON KING HUSSEIN'S PARTY
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